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1. BIJEDIC DEPARTURE FOR US MARCH 18 MARKED BY BORBA, POLITIKA AND TANJUG EDITORIALS VERY FAVORABLE TO US AND GOALS OF BIJEDIC VISIT. SUBSTANTIVE EDITORIAL PASSAGES WERE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL.

2. ALL OBSERVED THAT GREAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE RECENTLY IN US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, AND THAT WHILE RELATIONS WERE GOOD, ONE PURPOSE OF BIJEDIC "WORKING VISIT" WAS TO MAKE THEM STILL BETTER. TO BE SURE, US-YUGOSLAV INTERNATIONAL VIEWS WERE NOT ALWAYS THE SAME, BUT NOV 1974 KISSINGER VISIT HAD SHOWN THAT THERE WERE ALSO MANY POINTS OF AGREEMENT.

3. EDITORIALS STRESSED SIGNIFICANCE OF 1971 JOINT COMMUNIQUE AS PRIME BASIS FOR GOOD US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THAT US RECOGNIZED "NONALIGNED AND INDEPENDENT YUGO-

SLAVIA AS A FIRM GUARANTOR OF SUCH RELATIONS, AND OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, PEACE, AND SECURITY".

4. PROGRESS IN BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS ALSO PRAISED. IT WAS NOTED THAT US WAS NOW LARGER ECONOMIC PARTNER THAN EITHER WEST GERMANY OR ITALY, AND THAT TRADE HAD BECOME LESS ONE-SIDED AND COMMODITY ORIENTED.
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